

SPAWN®



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-100
MEARLANT



PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Father Hallwell warns the Vatican to not push Jim too hard too fast. However, the Vatican feels they need to contain Jim as quickly as possible, and they resign to other measures.

Cog continues to mentor Jim and lets him know of his extreme uniqueness. His hopes are that the powers Jim holds have the ability to free them both from this curse.

Daniel Kilgore pays a visit to one of the patients Jim healed, only to make a startling discovery.

The Old Guard meets with Solomon Pure, who agrees to help Bludd in his quest to unlock the portal to Heaven...and God.



Jim Downing (Spawn) – A man whose past is shrouded in mystery, and connected intimately to the very fabric of the Spawn mythos, Jim is the world's newest Hellspawn...and so much more. Having spent years in a deep coma, Jim's main drive is piecing together the fragments of the man he was, in an effort to discover the man he truly is.



Cogliostro – Once locked in a tower in Hell, the ultimate Hellspawn mentor has mysteriously returned to guide the newest Hellspawn, Jim Downing. However, his motivations are not yet clear, leaving Jim to wonder if Cog can be trusted.



Dead Zone – A celestial safe zone, which neutralizes both agents of Heaven and Hell's powers. Several Dead Zones exist, though few have been revealed. These portals allow Heaven and Hell to place each other's pieces (agents) on the board (Earth), but they're full origin story may alter the game in a way no one's imagined.

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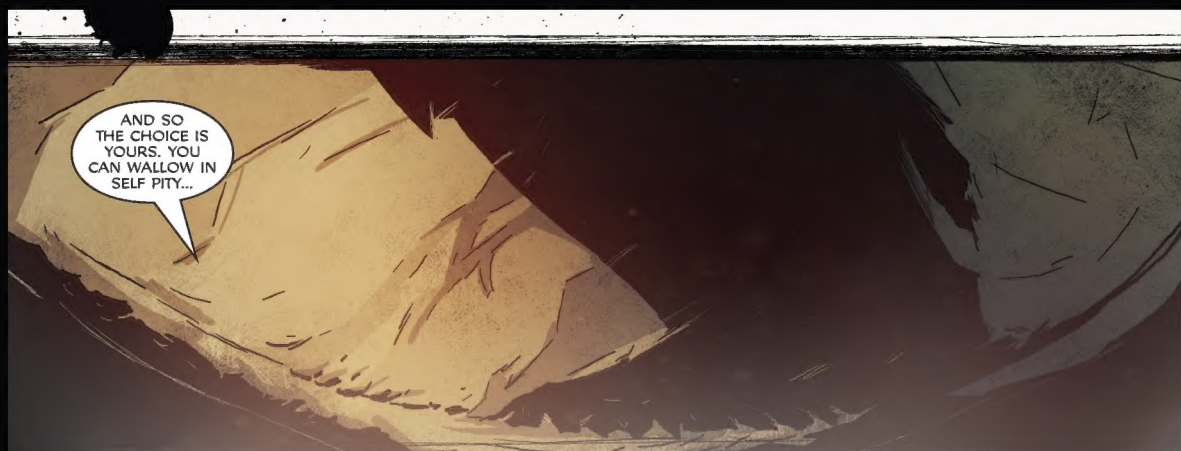
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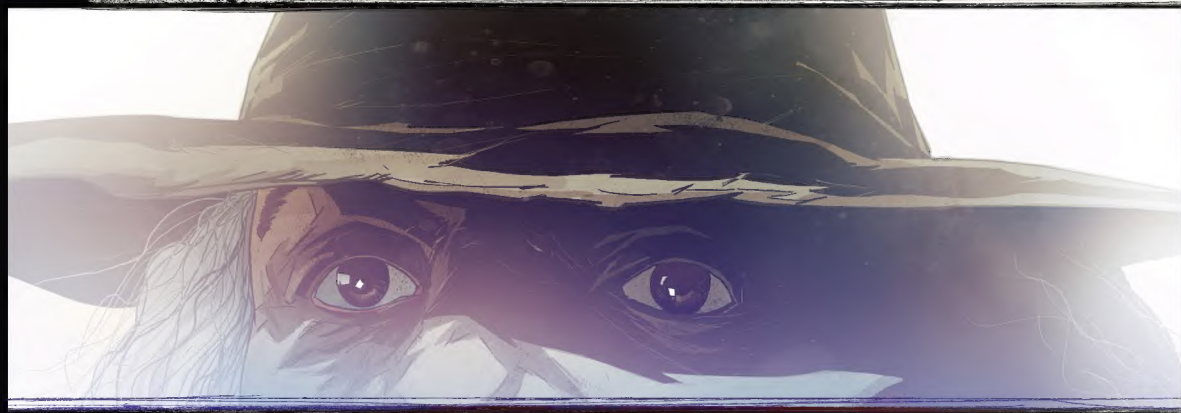
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AND SO
THE CHOICE IS
YOURS. YOU
CAN WALLOW IN
SELF PITY...



...OR YOU
CAN EMBRACE
YOUR CURSE. SHOW
HELL THEY DON'T OWN
YOU. NOT YOUR SOUL.
NOT YOUR BODY.
NOTHING!



UH?



GOD...

LOOK AT YOU.
HOW
MAGNIFICENT.

I REJECT
**ALL OF
IT!**

HEAVEN!
HELL! AND ANY-
ONE CONNECTED TO
WHAT I'M GOING
THROUGH!

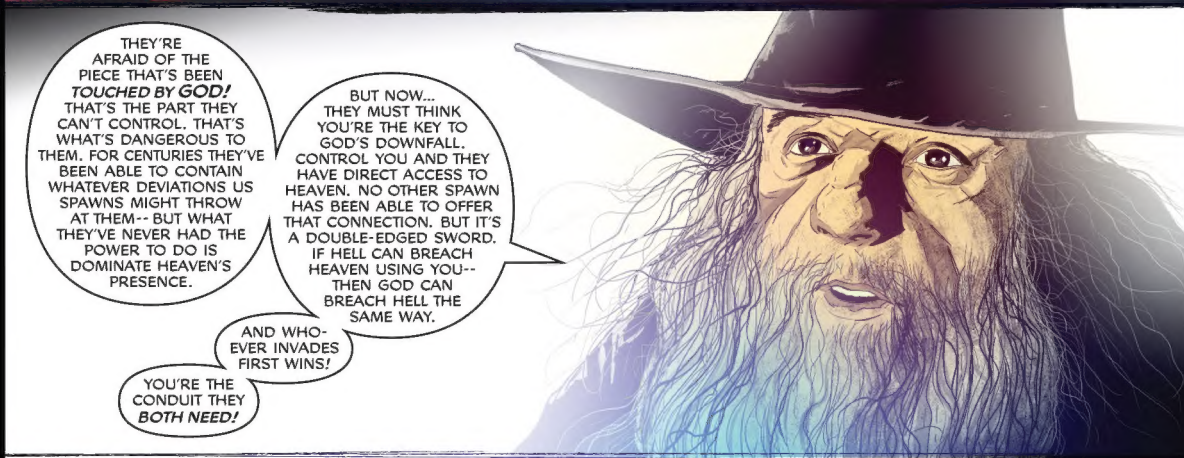
AND I'LL
USE EVERY
OUNCE OF
POWER IN ME TO
DESTROY YOU
ALL!



NOW IT ALL
MAKES SENSE.
I SHOULD HAVE
FIGURED THIS
OUT MYSELF.



THEY'RE NOT
AFRAID OF YOU
OR THE PORTION
THAT COMES
FROM HELL.

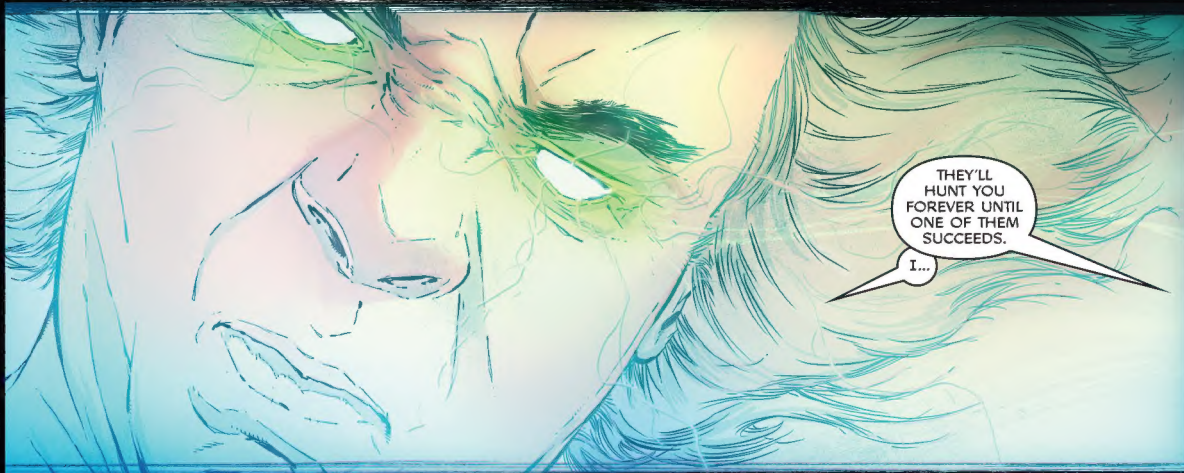


THEY'RE
AFRAID OF THE
PIECE THAT'S BEEN
TOUCHED BY GOD!
THAT'S THE PART THEY
CAN'T CONTROL. THAT'S
WHAT'S DANGEROUS TO
THEM. FOR CENTURIES THEY'VE
BEEN ABLE TO CONTAIN
WHATEVER DEVIATIONS US
SPAWNS MIGHT THROW
AT THEM-- BUT WHAT
THEY'VE NEVER HAD THE
POWER TO DO IS
DOMINATE HEAVEN'S
PRESENCE.

BUT NOW...
THEY MUST THINK
YOU'RE THE KEY TO
GOD'S DOWNFALL.
CONTROL YOU AND THEY
HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO
HEAVEN. NO OTHER SPAWN
HAS BEEN ABLE TO OFFER
THAT CONNECTION. BUT IT'S
A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD.
IF HELL CAN BREACH
HEAVEN USING YOU--
THEN GOD CAN
BREACH HELL THE
SAME WAY.

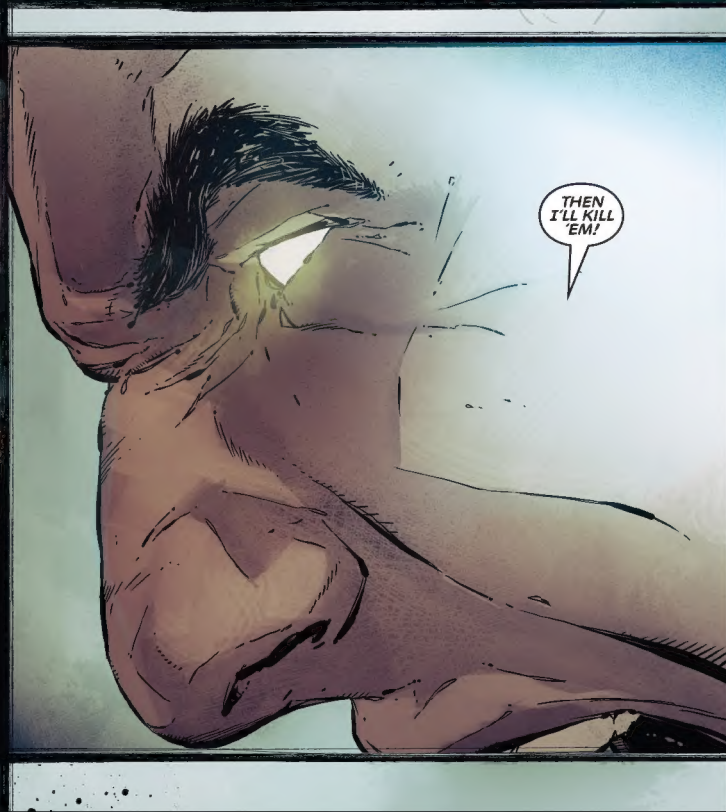
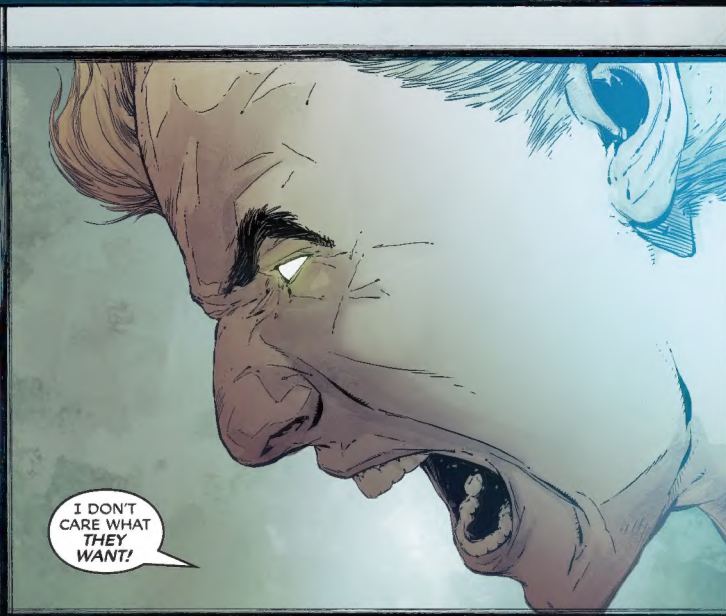
AND WHO-
EVER INVADERS
FIRST WINS!

YOU'RE THE
CONDUIT THEY
BOTH NEED!



THEY'LL
HUNT YOU
FOREVER UNTIL
ONE OF THEM
SUCCEEDS.

I...





EVERY
ONE OF THEM!
STARTING WITH
YOU!

THEN
WHAT?

YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE FIGHTING!
THEY'RE CONFUSED
ABOUT YOU. THAT'S
YOUR ADVANTAGE!
USE IT AGAINST
THEM!



WHAT
ABOUT
YOU...?!



YOU'RE
AFRAID TOO!
WHY?

IF ALL
YOU WANT
IS TO HELP ME,
THEN WHY ARE
YOU SCARED?
WHOSE SIDE
ARE YOU
ON?




MINE!
I'M ON MY
SIDE!

BUT TO GET
WHAT I WANT
YOU NEED TO STAY
ALIVE! YOU'RE NO
GOOD TO ME
DEAD!




SO
STOP!
LOOK AT
YOURSELF!



THE COSTUME--
IT'S FEEDING OFF YOU!
DON'T YOU GET IT? YOUR
COSTUME KNOWS ABOUT YOUR
POWERS. KNOWS YOU'RE SPECIAL!
THAT'S WHY IT WANTS TO CONTROL
YOU. WHY IT ATTACKS YOU AT NIGHT!
NOTHING MATTERS TO YOUR SYMBIOTE
OTHER THAN SMOTHERING YOU. AND
EVERY TIME IT APPEARS WITHOUT
YOUR PERMISSION IT'S CLOSER
TO THAT GOAL! BUT IT'S
AFRAID OF YOU TOO.

THAT'S WHY
SIMMONS MUST
HAVE PICKED YOU.
HE WANTED THEM
CLOSE TO YOU!
ALL OF THEM.







THEN
LET'S END
THIS! AFTER ALL
THESE CENTURIES!
IT'S TIME
WE FINALLY
PUT A STOP
TO IT!



YOU
CAN'T. YOU'D
HAVE TO KILL
DOWNING TO
BEAT ME.



AND I
KNOW YOU'RE
NOT WILLING
TO DO THAT...
NOT YET AT
LEAST!



SO STOP
THE
CHARADE...

A dark, atmospheric comic book panel. In the center, Venom stands with his arms outstretched, his white, toothy grin glowing. To his right, Carnage is partially visible, his multiple eyes staring. In the foreground, a man in a dark suit and a woman with blonde hair are seen from behind, looking towards the symbiotes. The background is a dark, industrial interior with pipes and structural elements.

...BECAUSE
YOU'RE
**JUST LIKE
US!**

WHEN THE
TIME COMES,
WHEN DOWNING
DOESN'T SERVE YOUR
PURPOSES ANY LONGER--
YOU'LL SLAUGHTER HIM
TOO! STOP PRETENDING
YOU DON'T WANT
HIM AS MUCH AS
WE DO.

AND IN
CASE YOU'RE
THINKING OTHERS
CAN HELP YOU. I'VE
POISONED THEM
ALREADY...

MARC

SUSAN

TWITCH

SARA

"THEY ALL HAVE
THE DISEASE. I'M
COURSING
THROUGH EVERY
ONE OF THEM."

ALONG WITH
ALL THOSE PEOPLE HE
HEALED. SO WHEN I TELL
HIM-- WHEN I WANT HIM TO
GIVE UP-- DOWNING WILL
TRADE EVERYTHING TO
SAVE THOSE HE CARES
ABOUT. INCLUDING
HIS SOUL.

HE'LL
NEVER
GIVE THAT
UP!

ESPECIALLY
NOT
TO YOU!



IT'S A
PITY HOW
MUCH YOU'VE
FORGOTTEN,
COG.



REMEMBER
YOUR COSTUME?
WHEN YOU WERE
A SPAWN?

REMEMBER
THE PAIN IT COULD
DELIVER? HOW YOU
PRAYED FOR NOTHING
OTHER THAN TO BE RID
OF IT. THAT'S WHAT WE
DO. WE WEAR YOU
OUT... SLOWLY.
OVER TIME.



LIKE A
CANCER
PATIENT NEAR
THEIR END,
DOWNING'S PAIN
WILL BECOME SO
UNBEARABLE, ALL
HE'LL WANT TO
DO IS DIE. AND
THAT'S WHEN
I GET HIS
SOUL!

TELL
YOURSELF
THOSE LIES.
BUT HE'S DIFFERENT
AND YOU KNOW IT!
YOUR PARLOR TRICKS
MAY HAVE WORKED
ON THE REST OF
US... BUT NOT HIM!
**NOT THIS
SPAWN!**

PERHAPS.

BUT YOU
HUMANS
ALL HAVE A
BREAKING
POINT. A
WEAKNESS.
I'LL FIND
HIS.

JUST
LIKE I DID
YOURS.



REMEMBER?





REMEMBER?!

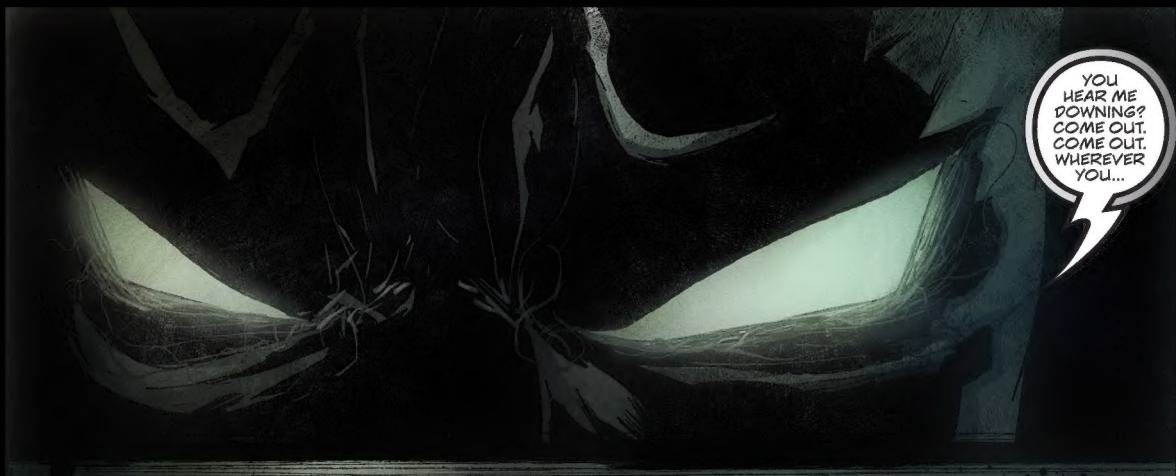
THE ONLY
MISTAKE I
MADE THEN
WAS LETTING
YOU LIVE! I'M
HERE TO
CORRECT
THAT!

He's
coming
for you.



THEN
LET HIM
COME.

I'M
WAITING
FOR
HIM.



YOU
HEAR ME
DOWNING?
COME OUT.
COME OUT.
WHEREVER
YOU...



...are...?







NEXT: THE RETURN OF THE **WINGS** OF REDEMPTION





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE